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1. SUMMARY. NO IMPORTANT STATEMENTS. IRELAND SUPPORTED DETAILED EXAMINATION OF KISSINGER PROPOSALS. CHILE MADE LOW-KEY SPEECH, WITH LITTLE REACTION. SOUTH VIET NAM MADE RELATIVELY MILD ATTACK ON U.S.

2. IRELAND. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY KEATING URGED THAT KISSINGER PROPOSALS REQUIRED DETAILED EXAMINATION. HE SUPPORTED CASE BY CASE APPROACH TO BOTH COMMODITIES AND DEBT PROBLEMS. REGARDING FINANCING FOR BUFFER STOCKS, HE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS VIA "THE PARTICIPATION OF PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES", AND SUCH MEASURES AS IMPORT OR EXPORT LEVIES, CAPITAL MARKET BORROWING AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL AGENCIES.

3. CHILE. ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREA MADE A SHOW OF WALKING OUT WHEN CHILEAN SPOKESMAN TOOK THE FLOOR, THE CUBAN, CHINESE, AND RUSSIANS HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS IN THEIR SEATS. GENERAL ATTENDANCE
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AT THAT STAGE WAS SO SPOTTY, IT WAS HARD TO TELL IF OTHER EMPTY

SEATS (INCLUDING ALL EAST EUROPEANS, BUT MANY OTHERS AS WELL) HAD POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OR SIMPLY MEANT DELEGATIONS WERE NOT COVERING PLENARY. CHILEAN SPEECH WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO DESCRIPTION OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICIES.

4. SOUTH VIET-NAM. MOST NOTABLE POINTS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM SPEECH WERE ATTACKS ON 1) CONTINUING U.S. EMBARGO AND NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RECONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS, AND 2) U.S. PROPOSAL WHICH ONLY SEEKS TO PERPETUATE NEO-COLONIALISM, APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO IRB. REST OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO REVIEW OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS, ENDORSEMENT OF MANILA DEMANDS AND THANKS TO SUPPORTERS IN SOCIALIST AND OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IN U.S.

5. GATT. DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG DESCRIBED EVOLUTION OF GATT IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING NEEDS, PARTICULARLY LDC PROBLEMS, AND OUTLINED PROGRESS OF MTN. ONLY TOPICAL POINT WAS DEFENSE OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES WITHIN MTN, IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO MANILA CRITICISM THEREOF.

6. MALAYSIA. MALAYSIAN SPOKESMAN ENDORSED INTEGRATED PROGRAM, ARGUING IT WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH COMMODITY BY COMMODITY APPROACH WHEN DEALING WITH SPECIFIC ISSUES. ASSUMED MALAYSIA ENDORSED AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO COMMON FUND, BUT ALSO SAID CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE MAJOR STEP FORWARD IF PRINCIPLE OF CONSUMER/PRODUCER SHARING IN FUNDING BUFFER STOCKS WERE ACCEPTED. FINALLY, ARGUMENT WAS MADE THAT MALAYSIA HAD TAKEN DC ADVICE TO DIVERSIFY ITS EXPORTS, AND WAS FRUSTRATED WHEN IT WAS CONSEQUENTLY THREATENED WITH A CLOSURE OF MARKETS BY THOSE SAME DCS TO NEW PRODUCTS.

7. MALAGASY REPUBLIC'S KEY POINT WAS THAT ECONOMICS CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM POLITICS, AND TO SUPPORT THE CAUSES OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA.

MALAWI DESCRIBED ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND ENDORSED THE MANILA PROGRAM. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MADE ELOQUENT PLEA TO FOCUS ON NEEDS OF POOR AND OPPRESSED, TO CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE RATHER THAN GROWTH OF THINGS, AND TO ACCEPT NEED FOR INTERNAL AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL RESTRUCTURING. WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS MADE STANDARD ANTI-CAPITALIST AND ANTI-TNC STATEMENT, AND ENDORSED MANILA PROGRAM, AS WELL AS NIEO AND CERDS.

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8. CHINA EXERCISED ITS RIGHT OF REPLAY TO URKAIN AND OTHER SOVIET REPUBLICS WITH DIATRIBE AGAINST WAS-MONGERING AND PROFITEERING TACTICS OF CERTAIN SUPERPOWER. MARSHALL

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